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SUBJECT: SHARK HUNT EXERCISE

REF STATE 023910

1. ASW PORTION OF SHARK HUNT EXERCISE WILL BE HELD  
IN AREA S/SW OF KAOHSIUNG (CO-ORDINATES: 21-58N/  
120-06E; 22-03N/120-22E; 22-22N/120-10E; 22-17N/  
119-55E). THIS AREA IS MAXIMUM OF 30 NAUTICAL MILES FROM  
TAIWAN COAST, AND MAXIMUM OF 22 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF  
NORTH/SOUTH LINE RUNNING THROUGH KAOHSIUNG. IT IS  
155 NAUTICAL MILES FROM PRC TERRITORY AT NEAREST POINT.  
EXERCISE WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. FEB 4 (032300Z).

2. SURFACE-TO-AIR GUNNERY PORTION OF EXERCISE IS  
SCHEDULED FOR AREA NORTHWEST OF KAOHSIUNG/TSOYING  
AND DUE SOUTH OF PENGHU (CO-ORDINATES  
22-50N/119-25E; 22-55N/119-25E; 22-55N/119-45E;  
22-50N/119-45E). THIS AREA IS MAXIMUM OF 35 NAUTICAL  
MILES FROM TAIWAN COAST, AND IS 109 NAUTICAL MILES FROM  
PRC TERRITORY AT NEAREST POINT. IT IS AN ESTABLISHED  
GUNNERY RANGE WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY ROC FOR SOME YEARS.  
GUNNERY PORTION OF EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY

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5, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. (050100Z).

3. NOTICES TO AIRMEN AND MARINERS HAVE ALREADY GONE  
OUT CONCERNING ACTIVITY IN BOTH THE ASW AND GUNNERY AREAS.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED SHARK HUNT WITH ADMIRAL SNYDER,  
AND HE HAS ASSURED ME THAT EXERCISE CAN BE CONDUCTED  
WITHOUT RISK OF INCIDENT OR PROVOCATION. TDC WILL  
IMPRESS UPON US PARTICIPANTS NEED TO CONFINE THEIR  
ACTIVITIES TO DESIGNATED AREAS.

5. EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDS ARE ALSO  
STUDYING MEASURES TO PREVENT FUTURE EXERCISE INCIDENTS,  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED IN NEAR FUTURE.  
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